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RAILROAD LACKE COAL RESERVES

YUEN-HAN RAILROAD BUYS TATWAN COAL -- Kung Shang Jih-pao, 5 Sep 49

Muang-chou -- T'ang Yu-tsung (Weda: 1342, 2307, 8982), director of the Kuang-chou-Han-k'ou Bailroad Administration resigned and Ch'en Shao-p'ing (12864 8787, 2899), Chief of Third Section, Railroad Transportation Office, was appointed to take his place. Coal reserves for this railroad have been neglected so arrangements have been made to buy 100,000 tons of coal from Taivan. The Man-ling Coal Mining Company protested that it was unwise to buy coal from fer-off Taiwan when it was available at the nearby Kuo-ya-tung (7139, 7065, 6125) mines.

The Ministry of Communications, however, maintained that it was not safe to depend on coal from the Kou-ya-tung mines which are located north of P'ing-shih (1692, 7954) near the Hunan border, since the progress of hostilities might cut off the supply at any time. Furthermore, the cost of the Taiwan coal could be charged to the military defense account without having to pay cash.

LIBERATED AREA RATIROADS EXSUES OPERATIONS -- Hua Shang Pao. 8 Sep 49

Pei-p'ing, 6 September (NCNA) -- The People's railroads in the liberated aren are rapidly being put into operational condition. As of July 1949, the length of railroads in operation in the liberated area totaled. 17,315 kilometers, which was about 60 percent of the total length of the 21,742 kilometers in the liberated area, or 64 percent of the 26,922 kilometers in all of China. The breakdown of these figures by areas shows that in South China, including Taivan and Hainan, 2,573 of the total 7,401 kilometers of railroads have been liberated and 1,592 kilometers are in operation. In North China, 8,101 of the total 8,454 kilometers have been liberated and 5,643 kilometers are in operation. In Northeast China, 10,078 of the total 11,066 kilometers are in operation.

DEFENSE PLANS FOR YUNN-HAN RR -- Kung Shang Jih-pao, 9 Sep 49

Hong Kong, 8 September -- A closed conference lasting 8 hours was convened today in Knang-chou by the Command Officer of the Yueh-Han Railroad Defense Troops and was attended by over 50 of the responsible officers of the civil

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government units, police, public safety corps, garrison and combat troops of the districts along the railroad. The object was to perfect plans for mobilizing and coordinating all the government forces and the civilian population in a concerted effort to protect the railroad and its traffic.

YELLOW RIVER IN FLOOD IN SHANTUNG -- Hua Shang Pao, 17 Sep 49

Chi-nan, 15 September (Hein Hua Agency) -- The autumn flood waters of the Tellow River are still rising, and at Lo-k'ou near the Ching-?'u Ratilroad bridge/ the water has reached a height of 31.26 meters, which is 0.90 meters above the highest previous mark. Emergency measures have been taken to organize the people along the river to cooperate in the work of raising and strengthening the dikes.

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